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P08-73-I

- Datum level: 24 cm from dirt → marked by nail
- Datum level: 19 cm from x on rock in the middle of the summit of mound
- workers: Jorge + Rafael
- we are digging in the 7th unit of 202JY^Y~~1~~ (northern-most)
- 202JY goes exactly north-south
- Starting 202JY/001 by going down 10 cm.
- We are off the structure and at topsoil level so not many artifacts were found.
- the soil is very hard, dry + clumpy - often forming large 10x5 cm-ish balls
- 202JY/002 - going down another 10 cm to 10-20 cm below the surface.
- in 202JY/002 - unit 1 we immediately found "una oreja" and other ceramic pieces that were much larger than those of 202JY/001
 - several pot handles
- they have also identified some bajareque

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PØ8-73-2

- Today we (Jorge, Rafael + I) are continuing with 2Ø2JY unit 1 lot 2.
- one obsidian blade has been found - ^{seems very clear/transparent}
- datum replaced. still 24 cm above ground + 19 cm above marked rock.
- we are beginning to come down on some large rock in the middle and along the west side of the trench
- we found what appears to be part of a condelero
- the two large rocks in the middle/eastern part of the unit are angled away from the building appears to be obvious tumble - pat has suggested that I remove it with the next lot
- on the ~~area~~ south east corner clumpings of sherds + bajaveque can be seen in the dirt next to the current unit/lot
- a large 30x27 cm. square cobble - the top of it - can be seen in the SW corner of the lot

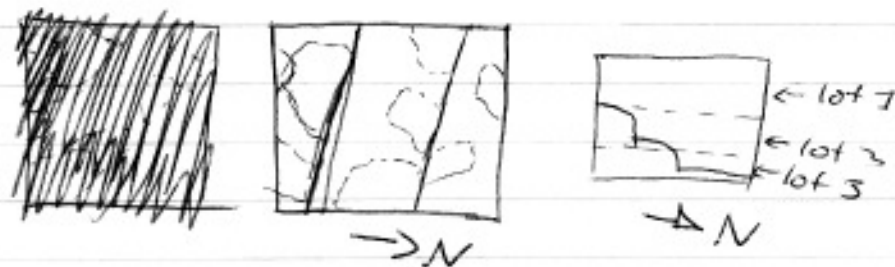
we have begun 2Ø2JY unit 1 lot 3

- found what seems to be the top half of a pulled handle
- a couple well preserved pot/jar rims ^{have been found}
- some of the sherds have an interesting raised ridge going through the middle.
- ~~many~~ ^{most} of the pot sherds
- the two tumble rocks were cleared away.
- we can now see the top of what Ed + I have identified as a wall of the south side of the lot. I will name it KIWI

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P08-73-03

Just north of KIWI is what may be another line
there is yet more rock ~~south~~^{north} of that.



• the feature just north of KIWI which is parallel to KIWI although slightly lower shall be named PEACH.

we are now going to move back (north/away from building) one meter to start unit two to reveal the features found in unit 1 from behind.

the soil at this level is 5/2 dark reddish brown on the munsell chart

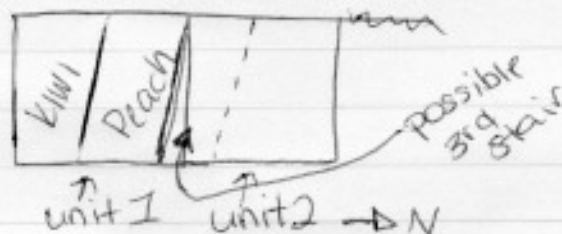
Unit 2 of JY202 - hopping to approach PEACH + KIWI from the side

- dirt very dry - hard + clumpy - like JY202 ^{lot 1} unit 1
- for this lot we are following the artifact density observed in unit 1
- lot 1 is from the topsoil to ~~the~~ just above the level that has a more dense concentration of artifacts.
- handle found
- there are several rocks in ~~unit~~ 202 JY ^{lot 4} unit they do not seem to follow any lines - I believe ~~they are not~~ just random rocks
↳ floating on surface

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08-73-04

- Started work just before 8 AM
- replaced datum at 24 cm above ground level - a nail marked the datum's position over night.
- Starting lot 5 unit 2 of 202JY - we are going down to the same depth of 202JY lot 3 unit 1
- This lot is very dense with ceramics
- we have found a couple of ceramic beads
- last night's rain does not seem to have affected the trench - the soil seems wetter than yesterday
- a clear sherd line can be seen in the walls of the unit - about 8 cm below ground level
- interesting piece chert with obvious striking ~~scar~~ surface and pieces that were chipped away
- KIW1 - PEACH seem to be forming a staircase
- the 3rd level of rock (the lowest) in unit 1 of 202JY, which crosses into unit 2, appears to form another stair



- going to go down 10 more cm in 202JY unit 2 to get a clearer look

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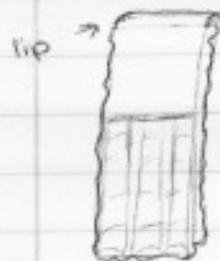
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Starting 20257/06

So far much lower density of cultural material than 20257/05 - which was just above it.

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- Continuing work on 20257/06
- it rained last night but it does not seem to have affected our trench.
- ~~When we~~ what seems to be ash was found in the northwest / bottom right corner of the trench on Friday afternoon when we stopped work for the day.



• interesting piece of ceramic

↑ raised square

← 3 raised lines/ridges

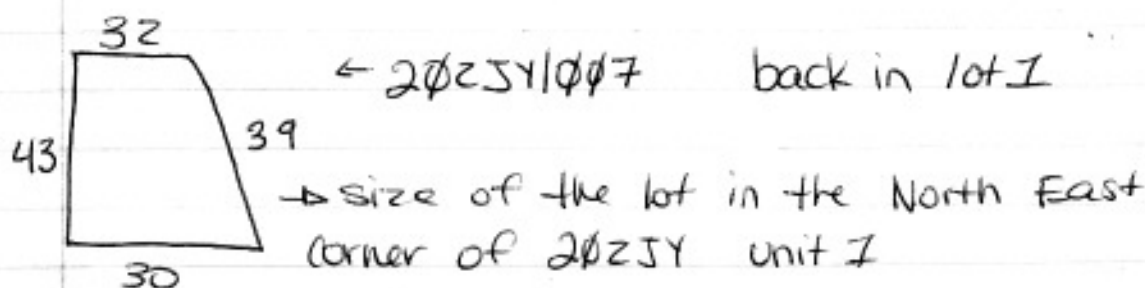
• not like anything pet
has ever seen here before
↳ she says it is an import

- we are now going to excavate again in unit 7 to try and see more clearly what the 3rd group/line of rocks in the unit is. 1/2 of the rocks only a triangle in the north east corner of the lot will be excavated

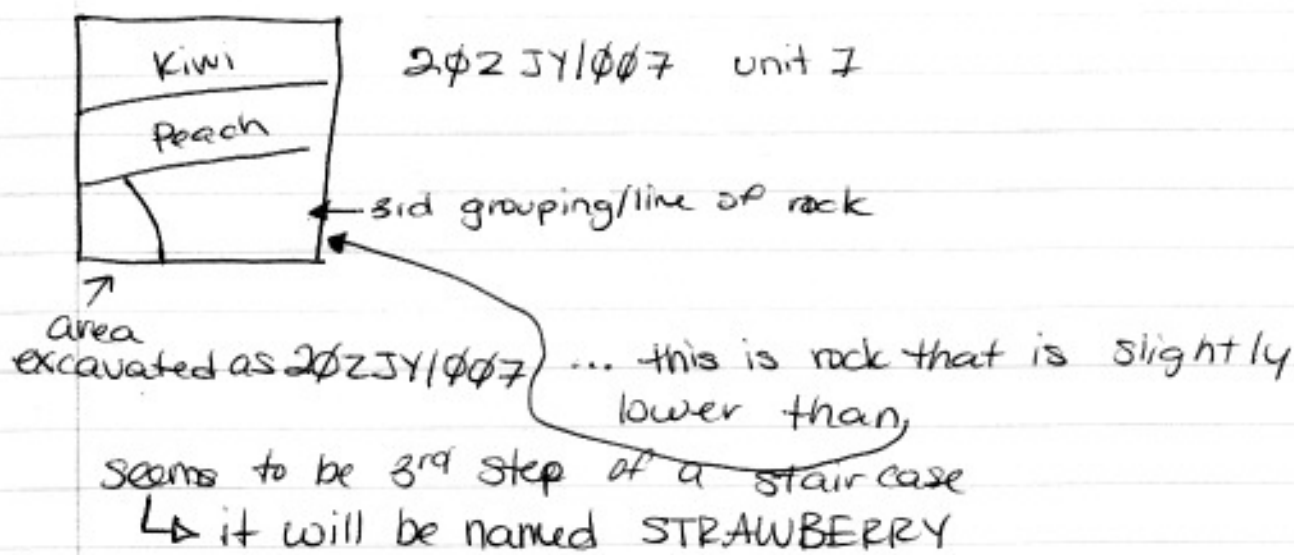


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• we have again hit rock



Starting on 2ØZJY/ØØ8

- digging down 10cm in unit 2 to make sure we have the bottom of the staircase
- the dirt is finer and smoother
- piece of ceramic found with 2. different colors of red/orange paint(?) and many black lines/designs
- they have found several jutes
- the soil is very fine - mixture of ash and soil
- interesting part of the lip of a basin - part of it is whitewashed - has caked on ash

• Could dig down farther in unit 2 but it seems as though we have found the bottom of strawberry - will dig in unit 2 again later

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Starting 202JY/009 in unit 3 - going down 10cm from ground level

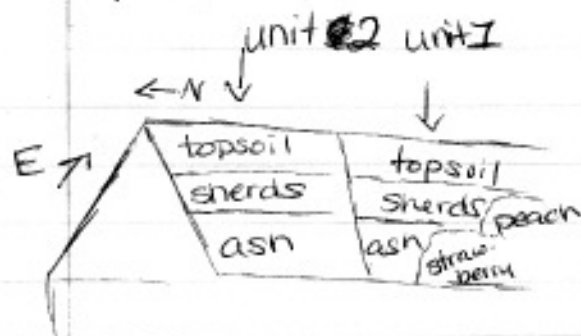
- one rock in SW corner. one on south wall and one poking up in the middle. otherwise seems to just be a topsoil level w/ a very low density of cultural material

202JY/010

low cultural material density - no lines moving on to new lot. we can see a sherd line in unit 4 about 10cm below ground level

202JY/017 unit 4

clearing off the ~~top~~ top of rocks (1st 10cm) to try and get a better idea about a potential line running east/west through the southernmost part of the unit



- there is what seems to be a line on the southern-most side of 202JY/017 - unit 4
- once they were cleared off more the rocks seemed more jumbled. it now seems like a line is going through the middle of the unit but farther down - we have removed some of the rocks to try and get a clearer view

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P08-73-8

We are starting 202 JY/072... going down 70 more cm in unit 4 to try and get a clearer view of the line that may be coming across the unit (JY-4) and to figure out which rocks are not part of these lines and could therefore be removed.

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Continuing with 2025Y/072 today (unit 4)
there are a lot of rocks in this unit. ~~there are~~
still no clear lines. selectively clearing some
rocks on the north end of the lot to
see if it is possibly tumble from a wall on the
southern side

- more tumble removed on south side
- possible piece of a pot stand - seems to have
two finished lips/edges and backed on clay
- the rocks along the south side of 2025Y/072
are beginning to look more + more like
a wall ... although it seems like it would
be perpendicular to 2025Y and therefore
not parallel with KIWI, PEACH + STRAWBERRY

- the rocks on the southern end of 2025Y/072
do not appear to be tumble but they are
not quite uniform enough to be a wall
- going to move south another unit to
hopefully get a clearer picture

• Started 2025Y/073

on the northern side - in ~~the~~ between 2025Y unit 5
is Raspberry

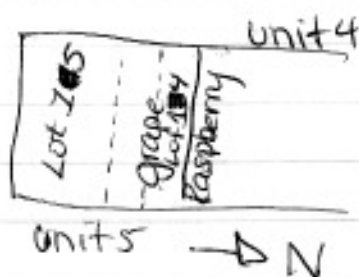
- the northern side is higher than the southern
side and there are some small rocks
in the middle. we are going to remove
some of these small middle rocks to
make sure that it is a thick wall and not
steps

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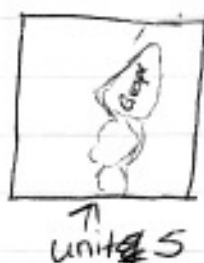
it now appears that raspberry is the lower step
(on the southside of 202JY unit 4)
and GRAPE is a higher stair on the north
side of 202JY unit 5

202JY/01⁴ is the 20cm x 1 meter rectangle
in unit 5 that is south of GRAPE (UVA)



excavating 202JY/01⁴
Confirmed that GRAPE +
RASPBERRY are two stairs

202JY/105 - defines grape more on its southern side



the first inclination that GRAPE was
its own stair/wall was that the
flat sides of the rocks were on the
north side... facing RASPBERRY
... the side of GRAPE that faces inside
the building is not as flat.

Starting 202JY/016

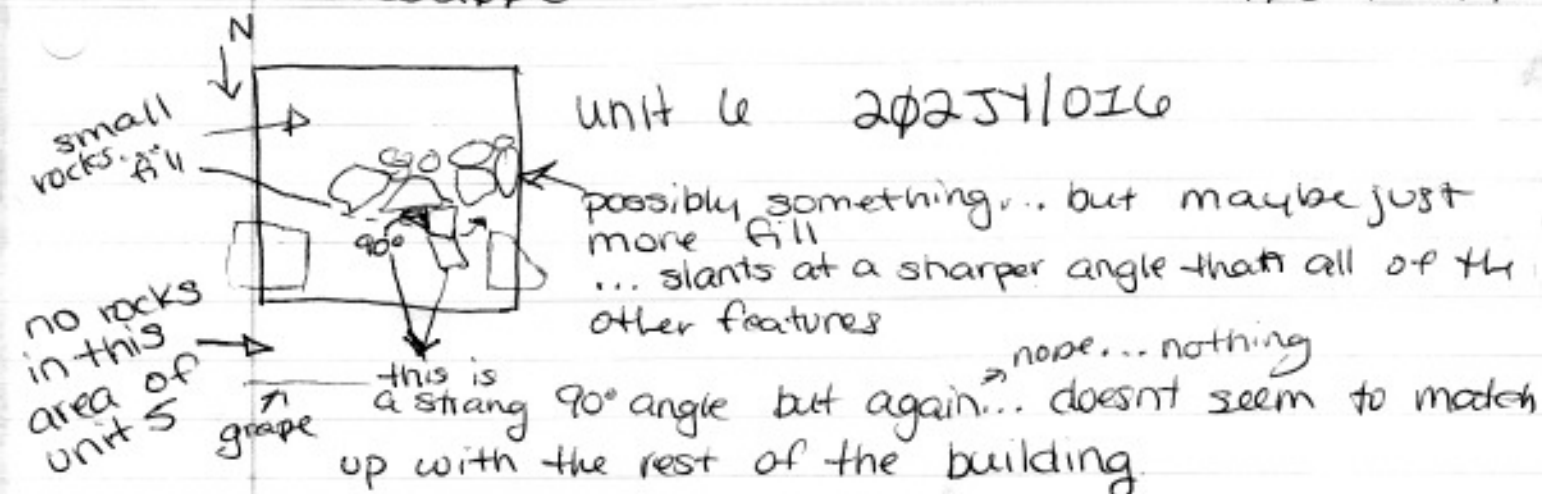
0-10cm below surface

approaching the summit of the building.

we found some rocks just below the surface here
in unit 6 - going to go down another lot to
figure out how much of it is fill... because of the
rocks we are really only digging on the north
side of the unit.

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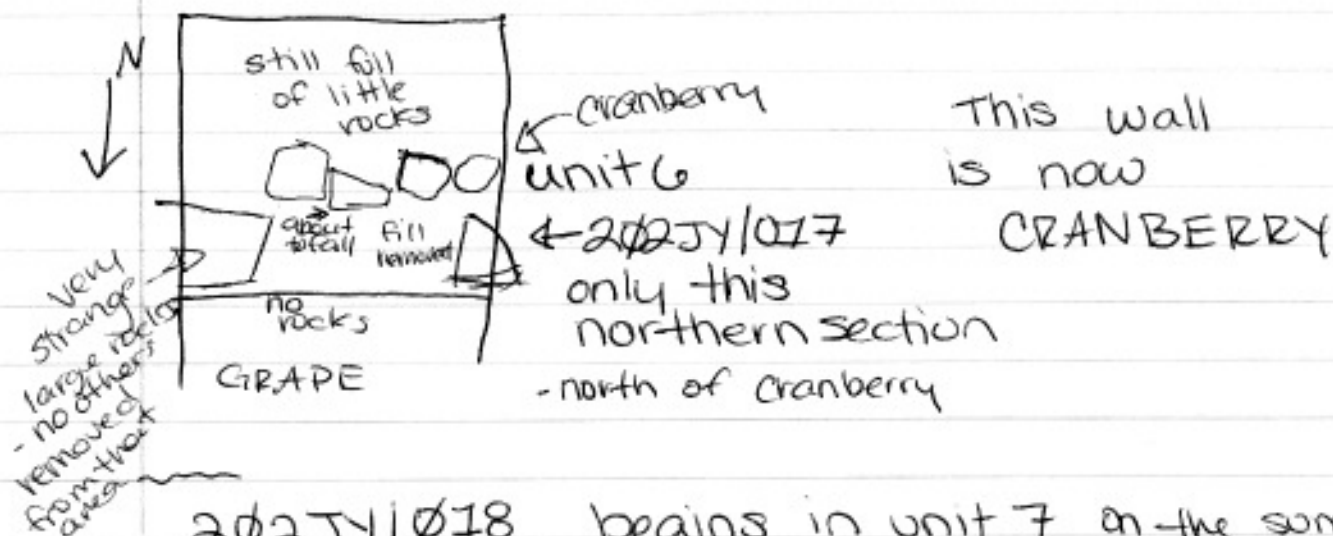


202JY/017 ~~202JY/016~~

We are continuing to dig in Unit 6... removing the obvious fill on the northern side of the trench

~~the area below~~

the line across the middle of the trench is looking more + more like a wall



202JY/018 begins in unit 7 on the summit of the mound - lots of misc. rock? 0-10 cm below surface

- 202JY/019 - moving down in unit 7 - removing rock another 10 cm
- 3 pot sherds fit together - large part of pot and a handle

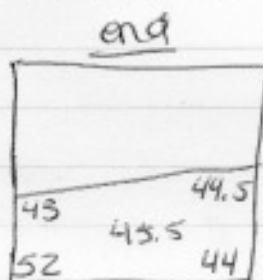
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lot cards for today

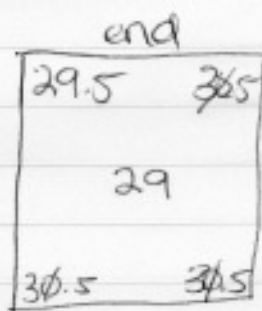
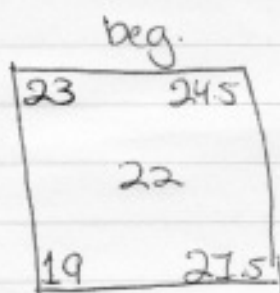
✓ 202JY/017 str. 22 unit 6

Beginning
29 32
23
27 31.5
CRANBERRY

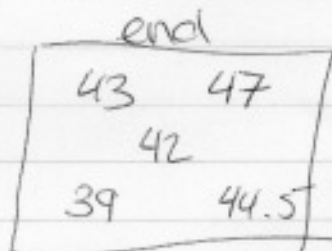
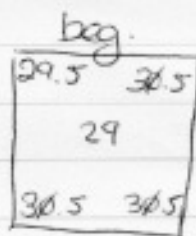


← only this part
excavated
... north of CRANBERRY

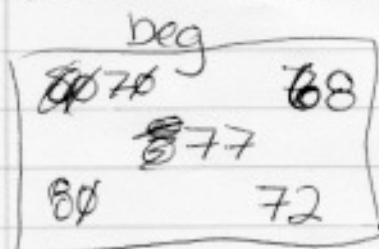
✓ 202JY/018 str. 22 unit 7



✓ 202JY/019 unit 7 str. 22



✓ 202JZ/00000 str. 22 unit 1



14 Feb 2008 - 8:00 AM... this info
has been transferred to lot
cards

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202JY/019 includes approx. 20 cm of ^{JY} lot 6
... going up to @CRANBERRY

Jorge thinks there may be a gap in @CRANBERRY

so far all of 202JY/019; everything ~~at~~ south
of Cranberry has been fill + sherds - no walls
202JY/019 is now completely Clear of
the rock + sherds - while they were mixed
the rock layer was above the sherd layer

Starting Sub-op JZ

202JZ/001 is on the far south side of
sub-op JZ

soil is incredibly hard + dry

in sub-op JZ we will be working from
south to north

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- continuing with 202JZ/001 - which is going ^{10cm below the surface}
- interesting sherd that has an animal face on it.
 - found part of a metate - it has a very round/
irregular bottom. - not sure how to label it - need to ask ^{pat + ed}
 - found 1 big bag of sherds in 202JZ/001
 - we are coming down on some rock... which
will be part of the next ^{lot} ~~unit~~. I hope we don't
need to back up a unit like we did on the other
side of the trench (sub-op JY)

~~from~~ this is the corner of the metate and the
irregular stub on the bottom is one of the feet

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P08-73-14

- starting on 202JZ/002 - also in lot 1
- going down another 10cm 10-20cm from ground level
- the guys have a new system today where they transport the dirt in buckets - seems to be working fine.
- found out I need a new lot inventory sheet for this new sub-op... there are none in the field so I will need a new one before tomorrow
- found an interesting spiraled piece of ceramic
- also found a piece of a mano - it is very cylindrical



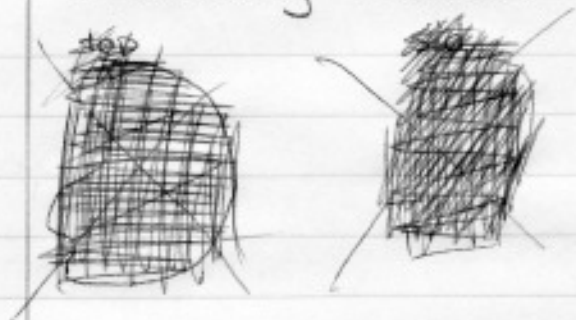
- this lot (202JZ/002) is very dense with cultural materials.
 - ↳ including several large pot sherds
- 202JZ/002 is not as rocky as it appeared to be before we started digging the lot
 - any rocks that we have pulled out have been very tiny - 5cm
- found a little face - it has huge circular ears/earring, some sort of headdress and a very pointy mouth, almost ~~like~~ bird-like - no chips off of it.
- only 9:45 and it's already very hot today - my ears continue to burn.
- found a very thick yet transparent piece of obsidian

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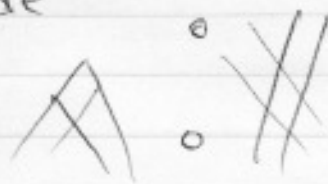
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after 10:00 break - continuing 202JZ/002

interesting 1/2 circle shert w/ foot



candelerio with markings on outside



202JZ/002 produced 4 large bags of sherds
we could still find lots of sherds at the bottom of the
lot... going to go down 70 more cm. to see if this
extremely high sherd density (more sherds than
dirt) continues.

202JZ/00³~~2~~ - also in unit I - from 20-30 cm below
the ground surface

as in 202JZ/002 there are not many rocks - just a lot
of dirt + pot sherds

it is now 1:30 and getting very hot... had to move sherd bags ^{into} shade

because 202JZ/003 had a lower density of sherds we
have decided to move up a unit to 202JZ/004
on the surface it looks like there could possibly
be a line running through the northern part of the unit
~~there~~

there is also a large root/plant/stump in the middle
of 202JZ/004

Today is my last day in the field. Because of yesterday's slow progress (caused by huge amounts of sherds) I don't think we will connect JZ and JY to finish the trench, although ~~completing~~ ~~we~~ I hope we will find a back wall.

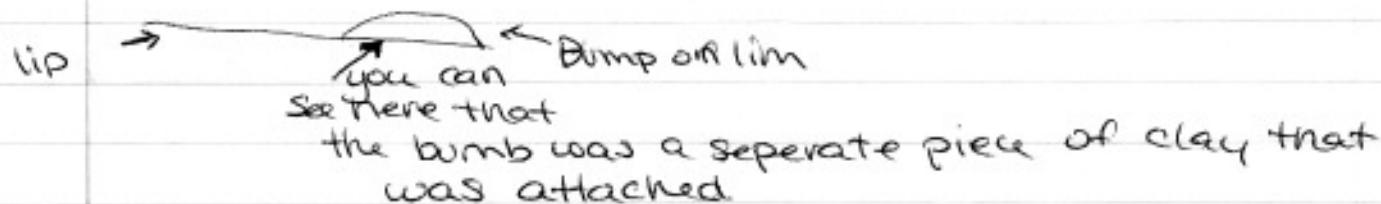
We are starting on 202JZ/005 - I am still working with Jorge + Rafael. \rightarrow 10cm ~~20-30cm~~ 10-20cm

202JZ/005 still has a fair number of sherds ... four 12x18 bags so far, but it also has a large number of rocks.

• none of the rocks seem to be in lines so I am starting 202JZ/006 by removing some of the rock and going down another 10cm - 20-30cm below the surface.

Jorge was finally able to remove the ~~the~~ tree root/stump from the middle of the unit.

• found an interesting large piece of a lip.

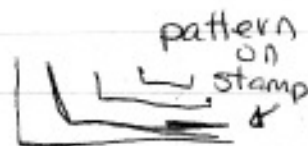


• we are still finding mostly pot sherds... not much obsidian or chert

\rightarrow they are mixed in and between all of the rocks

• We are moving up one unit (to unit 3) in JZ to start 202JZ/007 - going down 10cm from surface level.

• the guys found the corner of a stamp
at 1st glance no pigment can be seen on it



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found a ^{piece of} pot stand - the original ~~the~~ lip can be seen along with a side that was clearly cut.
L in 202JZ/007

while we are all a little skeptical Ed believes there is a possibility of a wall running North-South through the middle of JZ unit 3

so we are now beginning 202JZ/008 but this lot will only be in the eastern 1/2 of the trench. going down another 10 cm.

202JZ/008 is similar to 202JZ/007, 006, 005 in that it is a mixture of dirt, rocks and a high density of sherds - although not as high as 202JZ/002 + 202JZ/003

202JZ/008 did not reveal anything very clear/interesting so ~~now~~ I am going to move to 202JZ/009 which will be at the same depth as 202JZ/008 but on the west side of JZ unit 3 L (202 20-30 cm)

in 202JZ/009 - in the north west corner there seem to be some rocks that are ~~loose~~ packed together with harder soil and no sherds in between - unfortunately - with only 15 min left - I don't believe we will be able to spend too much time figuring out what it is

the datum marking nail is under a small pile of rocks in the middle of the summit



final not

this top left corner did not get excavated... not because we believe it is a feature but because the soil density changed and I ran out of digging time

↑s

1 JZ
2 JZ
3 JZ

					7 JY									
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6 JY
5 JY
4 JY
3 JY
1 JY
2 JY

↓N